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ESI HOSPITAL IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to construct super speciality ESI Hospital at Kollam in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware if the Pathetic Condition of ESI hospitals in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve the conditions of hospitals?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The ESI Corporation has agreed, in principle, to set up a 50 bed Super-speciality hospital in the field of Cardiology at Ashramam, Kollam, Kerala.

(c) & (d): Working of the ESI hospitals including those in Kerala is generallysatisfactory. However, there have been sporadic complaints about shortage of doctors, nurses, medicines, drugs, dressings and equipments in the ESI hospitals/dispensaries.The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESIScheme in Kerala vests in the State Government.Therefore, such complaints as and when received are forwarded to the State Government for taking appropriate remedial measures. Recently, the ESI Corporation had formulated an Action Plan to bring improvement in working of all ESI hospitals/ dispensaries.The Action Plan includes inter-alia upgradation/modernisation of medical facilities in ESI hospitals by providing them equipments of ultrasonography, pulse oximeter, auto analyzer, semi-auto analyzer, cardiac monitor, dental unit, resuscitation equipments etc. The ESIC has already sanctioned an amount of Rs. 82.76 lakh for providing certain modern equipments in various hospitals in Kerala.